



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
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August 19, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 GANG
VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Execute the attached Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Attachment I) and authorize the Sheriff to submit an application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for a Gang Violence Suppression (GVS) grant in the amount of \$450,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Request the Chair of the Board to provide a wet signature on the Certification of Assurance of Compliance form.
2. Execute Attachment I, whereby your Board:
 - Authorizes the Sheriff to apply and accept a GVS award from OES, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09, in the amount of \$450,000, with a ten percent (\$45,000) in-kind match.
 - Authorizes the Sheriff, or his designee, to sign and execute grant award documents including amendments, modifications, extensions, and to perform all further tasks necessary for completion of the project.

A Tradition of Service

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The State's OES is requesting an application for grant funds for the GVS Multi-Component Program. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) will utilize GVS grant funds to implement the Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression (AV-GVS) Program. The AV-GVS Program requires the collaborative efforts of the Department, the District Attorney's Office, the Probation Department, the United Community Action Network (UCAN), and the Antelope Valley Union High School District (AVUHSD). The purpose of the AV-GVS Program is to reduce gang violence in the Antelope Valley area and to divert dangerous gang activity into more constructive behavior. The Department, the lead agency, has applied and received grant funding for this program for the past 10 years.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The AV-GVS Program, a multi-component effort directed at eliminating the prevalence of gang activity throughout the Antelope Valley area, meets the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan, Goal 6, Community Service, and Goal 8, Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The grant period will be for 12 months beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009. For FY 2008-09 OES is allowing the Department to apply for \$450,000 (a 10 percent decrease from last year's funding of \$500,000). As a result of this decrease, each component partner will be applying for \$10,000 less than they applied for last year. A 10 percent required match (\$45,000) will be contributed in-kind by the Department.

Funding for this program has been included in the Department's operational budget for FY 2008-09.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Grant funding from OES will be utilized to reduce gang violence in the Antelope Valley. The Department's Operation Safe Streets will provide a specially-trained gang sergeant (as an in-kind contribution), who will supervise the Department's GVS Unit and focus on gang problems in the Antelope Valley.

The Department's GVS Unit (on an overtime basis) will conduct gang, probation/parole, truancy sweeps, and other operations related to gang violence suppression, while working in conjunction with the Probation Department and the District Attorney for successful prosecution. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office will provide a

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full-time, trained and experienced deputy district attorney, partially-funded by the grant from its Hardcore Gang Division, to vertically prosecute gang-related crimes in the target community. The Probation Department will provide a deputy probation officer, partially-funded by the grant, who will deliver delinquency prevention services and supervision to first-time offenders involved with gangs or drugs.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the District Attorney, the Public Defender, and the Alternate Public Defender and approved as to form by County Counsel.

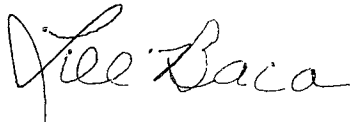
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The District Attorney, the Public Defender, and the Alternate Public Defender have determined that continuation of this program will not have significant impact upon their respective departments. If the Department does not receive authorization to apply for this program, GVS services in the Antelope Valley may be impacted.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board's approval, please instruct the Executive Office to return two copies of the adopted Board letter and two signed Certification of Assurance of Compliance to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: County of Los Angeles

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PROJECT TITLE: Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression Program

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity – (Recipient Handbook Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: Darrell B. Bolin Jr.

Title: Lieutenant

Address: 4700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Phone: (323) 526-5612

Email: dbbolin@lasd.org

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

IV. Lobbying – (*Recipient Handbook Section 2154*)

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – (*Recipient Handbook Section 2155*)

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

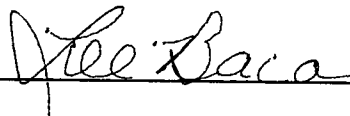
The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: _____



Authorized Official's Name: Leroy D. Baca

Authorized Official's Title: Sheriff

Date Executed: _____

Federal Employer ID Number: 95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of: County of Los Angeles

AUTHORIZED BY: *(not applicable to State agencies)*

- City/County Financial Officer or
- City/County Manager or
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Name: Yvonne B. Burke

Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors

Approved As to Form:
Raymond G. Fortner, JR.
County Counsel

By: _____



Gary Gross

Principal Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000

Department: Sheriff's Department

Grant Project Title and Description:

Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression Program (AV-GVS)

The purpose of this program is to reduce the level of gang violence in the Antelope Valley and to divert potentially dangerous gang activity into a more positive and constructive behavior.

Funding Agency

California Governor's Office of
Emergency Services (OES)

Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)

Grant Acceptance Deadline

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$450,000

County Match: 45,000

Grant Period: 12-Months

Begin Date: July 1, 2008

End Date: June 30, 2009

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: 0 **Part Time:** 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes ___ No N/A

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes ___ No N/A

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes ___ No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes ___ No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes ___ No X
(Describe) _____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes X No ___

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: No impact.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature

Lee Baca

Date

08/07/08